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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S WIFE REQUESTS AMERICAN PARTICIPATION
IN VENEZUELAN SONG FESTIVAL

1. I HAVE TODAY RECEIVED A PERSONAL LETTER DATED JULY 30 FROM MRS. CALDERA IN HER CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE FUNDACION FESTIVAL DEL NINO. LETTER STATES THAT ON OCTOBER 5, THE NINTH VENEZUELAN SONG FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MUNICIPAL THEATER, CARACAS, UNDER AUSPICES OF THE FOUNDATION. OPERATIVE PART OF MRS. CALDERA'S LETTER READS IN TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS:

"THEREFORE, WE SOLICIT YOUR COLLABORATION IN MAKING THE NECESSARY CONTACTS IN ORDER THAT A DISTINGUISHED SINGER FROM THE COUNTRY WHICH YOU SO WORTHILY REPRESENT SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED VENEZUELAN SONG FESTIVAL, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT EXPENSES OF TRANSPORT AND SOJOURN WILL BE FOR OUR ACCOUNT. THERE ALSO IS A POSSIBILITY THAT (THE AMERICAN SINGER) MIGHT BE CONTRACTED BY SOME OF THE TELEVISION CHAINS."

2. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS REQUEST COMES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE, AND BECAUSE OF THE UNDOUBTED ADVANTAGES IF THE UNITED STATES WERE WORTHILY REPRESENTED ON AN OCCASION WHICH WILL INVITE THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ARTISTS THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE WITH CONSEQUENT WIDESPREAD PRESS AND TELEVISION PUBLICITY, I URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT I BE

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AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT MRS. CALDERA'S REQUEST IN PRINCIPLE AND

THAT WE SPEEDILY CANVASS THE FIELD FOR A SINGER OF OUTSTANDING
ABILITY.
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